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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection at East London, King Williams Town, and Port Elizabeth; infection found.

The following is received from the medical officer of health for the colony, under date of July 30, 1906:

East London.—Week ended July 28, 1906: Eighty-one rodents bacteriologically examined; 32 found dead; no plague infection found.

King Williams Town.—Thirty-four rodents bacteriologically examined; 1 found dead; no plague infection found.

Port Elizabeth.—On the 19th instant 1 mouse found dead; bacteriologically examined; infection found.

Week ended July 28, 1906: One hundred and ninety-seven rodents bacteriologically examined; 15 found dead; no plague infection found.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague in Queensland, New South Wales, and Western Australia—Examination of rodents for plague infection—Plague case from steamship Britannia in quarantine at Adelaide.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins received from Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

Brisbane.—No case of plague has occurred since June 20. Week ended July 14, 1906: Rodents destroyed, 169; examined, 132; no infection found. Last infected rat found June 25. Week ended July 21, 1906: Rodents destroyed, 224; examined, 188; found infected, 1.

Cairns.—Week ended July 21, 1906: One case reported. The patient, a child, is isolated at home. No plague-infected rats found.

Sydney.^a—One case and 1 death occurred during the week ended July 14, 1906. The form of plague was bubonic. A plague rat was found in the neighborhood of the house in which the case occurred. The area was placed in quarantine and is undergoing systematic cleaning. Rodents destroyed, 706; examined, 567; found infected, 4.

Week ended July 21, 1906. Rodents destroyed, 1,890; examined, 534; found infected, 6. On July 19 the government of Western Australia reported that State free from plague.

South Australia.—Weeks ended July 18 and 25, 1906. One case under treatment at the quarantine station. This case was reported July 12 at Adelaide on steamship *Britannia* from Melbourne.

^a Week ended June 30, 1906, 1 death from plague. See Public Health Reports, August 31, 1906, p. 1016.